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In brief

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Air Force News

News and information from around the Air Force will air on the base cable network's Channel 12. Air times are at 8 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Current stories include 'Getting ready for the long, hot, fiery summer,' 'A video game with a very different purpose' and 'Model airplane enthusiasts spread their wings.'

**Countdown
to ORI
27 days**



Airman Sarah McDowell

Forward 'arch

Cadets march along Mississippi Avenue on their way to the Berg-Liles Dining Facility. Motorists are reminded to slow down around formations and to only pass when signaled. For more information on the cadet encampment, see Page 8.

Team Tyndall TIPS line helps stop crime

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 325th Security Forces Squadron has a powerful new weapon to combat crime. It is not a technologically advanced piece of firepower or a new sophisticated training program of deadly martial arts techniques. It is simply a newly installed telephone line.

The new line connects Team Tyndall to the TIPS hotline, a Crime Stoppers phone line which allows individuals who witness crimes on base to report them anonymously.

"Sometimes local citizens are reluctant to contact the police and report what they have witnessed," said Tech. Sgt. John Kelly, 325th Security Forces Squadron NCO of Resource Protection, Police Services and

Crime Prevention. "This program gives these potential witnesses the opportunity to make contact with the police, relay the information concerning the crime and remain completely anonymous."

By dialing 283-TIPS or 283-8477, the caller will be directly connected to the 325th Security Forces Squadron to report the crime and can remain anonymous since the phone line has no caller identification capabilities. Instead of giving their names, callers to the TIPS line are assigned a special code number for follow-up purposes.

"It is an extension of a highly recognized nationwide program that allows individuals who witness crimes to contact their local police agency and report those crimes," Sergeant

Kelly said.

National Crime Stoppers programs not only offer anonymity to people who provide information about crimes, but pay rewards when the information supplied leads to an arrest. Team Tyndall leaders are currently in the process of contacting the U.S. Attorney General's office to discuss a reward program.

Crime Stoppers has an average conviction rate of 95 percent on cases solved by callers' tips. The worldwide program has solved more than half a million crimes and recovered more than \$3 billion worth of stolen property and narcotics.

"Every time a citizen steps forward and reports information regarding a crime, it dramatically improves the abilities of the investigative section when solving

that crime," Sergeant Kelly said.

"We hope to receive information from persons concerned about their community who are part of a total force protection team," said Master Sgt. Clarence Staub, 325th SFS Installation Security NCO. "In this day and age of limited resources, we have to utilize what's available to provide the biggest benefit with the least cost... a simple telephone call can provide valuable information."

While the new hotline is to be used to report crimes, Sergeant Kelly emphasizes the TIPS line should not be used for emergency calls. Instead, a recently installed separate state-of-the-art enhanced 911 system is used for emergency purposes since it has caller identification in case of a disconnection.

Training the best air superiority team for America

Tyndall gears up for Independence Day

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander



We're well into the 101 critical days, and while the base has been doing well so far, I need to stress the importance of safety.

Saturday marks the first day of summer as well as a vulnerable period for heat and safety-related issues. With that in mind, I want to talk about the upcoming Fourth of July weekend.

The Team Tyndall Heritage Day is scheduled for July 2, with numerous events including fireworks displays, booths and other entertainment planned throughout the community to celebrate our nation's independence. I highly encourage folks to get out and participate in these base events. July 3 is a family day and will kick off the long weekend. However, make sure you are thinking about safety. Remember, don't drink and drive. If you invite people over to your home and they have too much to drink, make sure alternate travel arrangements are made. On base, you are held



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accountable for the actions of your guests. You are also held accountable for your own actions, so if you drink, make sure you have a back up plan to get home. Programs such as the Tyndall Active Airmen Association and Airmen Against Drunk Driving offer free transportation if you become impaired.

If you are planning to purchase fireworks to celebrate the fourth, keep in mind that fireworks of any kind are prohibited on Tyndall. Also, be sure to check with local law enforcement officials regarding the types of fireworks that are prohibited off base as well. I know many people like to get together with friends and neighbors

for fireworks, and sometimes, alcohol is present. Keep in mind that fireworks and alcohol don't mix. It doesn't take much to get injured by burning fireworks and alcohol increases the risk. So if you are planning to drink, please recognize your limitations and act accordingly. Similarly, fireworks always fascinate children. Make sure a responsible adult is around while lighting fireworks or even sparklers. There exists a great potential for getting burned by these products. We need to do our part in making sure everyone enjoys a safe holiday.

For those who are not planning to stay

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Larry D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW

325th Fighter Wing commander

E-mail — pitfall of leadership in information age

LT. COL. LELA HOLDEN

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. — It seemed like a simple issue: identify two or three members who would fulfill a wing-level tasking. Our deadline was two days away, and I was getting an update from the squadron superintendent.

"Well, ma'am," he said with the look and tone of futility, "I sent out an e-mail to the (noncommissioned officers in charge) of the units but haven't heard anything back yet. If they don't get back to me quickly, I'll just pick people for these taskings."

Fast forward a month, and I was having a conversation with the flight commander of family practice, who was explaining some conflicts with the flight medicine clinic over the handling of walk-in patients when both clinics have no appointments available.

"Well, ma'am," she said, "I got this angry e-mail from

the flight medicine nurse on this, and I'm not sure how to respond."

When I asked if she had gone down the hall and around the corner to engage personally on the issue, she looked stunned.

"Well, no ma'am," she said. "We're both so busy, we've been working the problem on e-mail."

A third incident occurred when I was serving as acting squadron commander while my boss was away on temporary duty. A patient complaint was being worked, and again, some of the less sensitive information was flowing by e-mail. Though no one was violating patient privacy, the commander was only copied on some of the message traffic.

Midway into the problem, the commander e-mailed from hundreds of miles away about a solution, but he had missed out on some important updated details in the discussion. Since he wasn't included in every facet of the electronic discussion, his inputs, through no fault of his own, lacked

proper context.

In all three cases, I was left feeling frustrated about the excessive and problematic use of e-mail as a management tool. Yes, it can be fast and efficient. But, I am reminded of the entertaining Harry Potter book series, and the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry described in those tales of fantasy.

Specifically, the use of magic wands is particularly appealing. Oh, to be Harry or Hermione and simply pass a wand over an irritating, difficult, frustrating problem and just make it go away or magically transform. Would that leadership had such a magic wand. Unfortunately, e-mail is not it.

E-mail is great for describing how and when discussions of the problem can occur — it can facilitate problem solving. But don't think that you can ultimately solve most problems with the use of e-mail alone. Too much of the non-

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verbal, the nuances, the complexity of tough issues that emerge in discussions are missed when e-mail is used to the exclusion of personal contact.

One cannot legitimately make statements about the tools of leadership without forcing the question: What is leadership? Regardless of the level — element, flight, squadron, wing, military or civilian, local, national or international — leadership is about building teams and engaging others to move ahead in the solving of problems and advancing the interests (mission) of the organization.

If this difficult, challenging and wonderfully satisfying task could be accomplished without leaders, every organization would have figured out how to do without them. But, leaders are crucial to help us advance in the workplace and in the world.

Notice the action words in this definition — building, engaging and moving ahead. All of these functions are enhanced by personal contact. The extent that e-mail diminishes attempts to engage personally and talk together about problems is the extent to which solutions are delayed, and leaders — or at least their decisions — fall into holes.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert Foglesong vividly illustrated these leadership principles recently when he

discussed how the Army and Air Force dealt with the realization that more effective coordination was needed between ground and air forces.

He and Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Jack Keane took the issue on personally.

“Jack Keane and I met quietly three or four times over at National Defense University,” General Foglesong said. “We went out of our way not to make it public because we wanted this to be at the working level.”

Notice that he didn’t say, “because we’re both so busy, we had an extensive e-mail discussion on the solving of this difficult problem.” They met to work the problem, and at their level, the problems are big indeed and time is a very valuable commodity.

They modeled some of the critical aspects of leadership. They used personal engagement to build and strengthen the team, to solve problems and move the mission forward.

I am reminded, as I discuss leadership and its tools and the impact of technology on accomplishing the mission, of a story about a British general after World War I. In the face of airplanes and tanks, he was extolling the virtues of the well-bred horse. He was clearly looking in the rear view mirror and was less effective as a leader because of it. Indeed, we must embrace the freedoms and the flexibilities

that technologies give us and not deny them with wistful, nostalgic musings about the past.

But we should also not lose sight of the unchanging reality that effective leaders know the limits of all their tools, use them fully, but are not used by them. Again, as the generals noted above demonstrate, when it comes to leadership, there is no magic wand.

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in the local area for the Fourth of July weekend, make sure you establish a route of travel and let someone else know your appropriate contact information as well as where you’re going and how you’re getting there. Also, make sure you get plenty of rest before driving. I want you to enjoy the weekend and arrive safely at your destination. Also, if you are under the age of 26

and plan to travel you need to fill out a Form 29B (safety plan) and be briefed by your supervisor prior to travel.

Finally, I want to talk about a local issue on base. Tyndall is extremely fortunate to have two outstanding clubs. Base clubs provide a safe, clean and comfortable environment to dine or relax in and are an important part of our history and heritage. Unfortunately, membership has declined at our clubs across the Air Force, which can have a negative effect on the future of programs associated with military clubs. Without strong membership, we cannot make improvements in club activities and programs. Worse of all, without membership, the potential exists where we could lose one or both clubs.

The services squadron is making every attempt to continually improve existing programs, but without your help, we cannot make this happen. Membership provides more than just access to the clubs. In addition, you are eligible for discounts at various base facilities such as the bowling alley, community activities center and marina club.

Our club system is an important part of our history and heritage and each individual member of Team Tyndall plays an important role in its success and survival. However, in order to survive, military clubs require individual support and club membership.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and I’ll see all of you next week.

Air Force authorizes PCS short tour credit for 181-day deployments

MASTER SGT. RANDY MITCHELL
AFPC public affairs

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change of station short tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations. Eligible members must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for a minimum of 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile fire/imminent danger pay area. This credit is intended to reduce the

chances of those airmen being sent as non-volunteers to an unaccompanied PCS short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment. The change is an exception to current policy, which only authorizes short tour credit for members accumulating 300 or more days TDY overseas during a consecutive 18-month period. This exception is not without precedent. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception to policy was approved to authorize PCS short tour credit to members who served TDY in the area of responsibility for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990 to June 10, 1991. It's the members' responsibility to request PCS short tour credit through the MPF, Personnel Employment Element at their permanent duty station. The request must be initiated after completion of the TDY voucher. The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of TDY and if the location qualified for payment of hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

Pavement projects affect base traffic

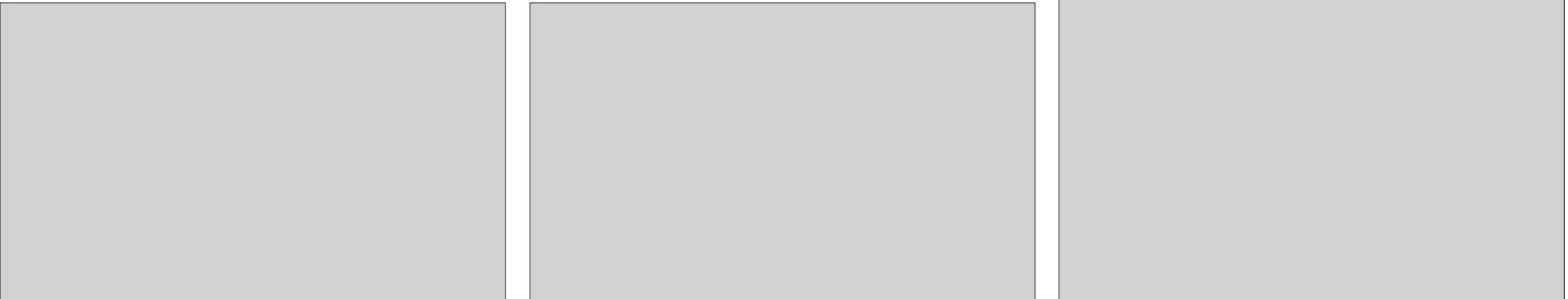
1ST LT. JAKE SALMOND
325th Civil Engineer Squadron traffic manager

Tyndall Air Force Base has awarded a contract to improve Tyndall traffic markings base-wide and to repave part of Illinois Avenue in front of the AAFES gas station and commissary/base exchange area. Starting early Saturday, a contractor will remove and replace all pavement markings on both the flightline and support sides of the main base. This work will not require any road closures, but base motorists will play an important part in ensuring the work goes smoothly and efficiently. It is vital that all vehicles are removed from side-street parking on main thoroughfares such as Suwannee Avenue and Mississippi Road at the close of business today. Included in the work, all crosswalks will be removed so that unnecessary crossings are eliminated

and authorized crosswalks are restored. The work completion is scheduled for Wednesday. Drivers are encouraged to exercise caution and patience during this time. Other scheduled roadwork will close part of Illinois Avenue. A failed section of Illinois Avenue, from Suwannee to Mississippi, will be repaved from 6 p.m. Tuesday to 6 a.m. Wednesday and again from 6 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. June 27. A stretch of 450 yards on Illinois Avenue will be closed to include the intersections at Suwannee and Mississippi. All of the base services fed by this road will still be accessible through alternative routes. Road closure signs, detours and flag-people will be in place to aid traffic flow. Again, drivers are asked to exercise patience and caution as well as planning a little extra travel time while the base executes traffic improvements.




Think before you drink.




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What are your summer plans?




“I will spend time with my kids and take them to Sea World.”

TECH. SGT. VICTORIA MURDOCK
53rd Weapons Evaluation Group




“I plan on going to the beach.”

SENIOR AIRMAN CODY BAKER
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



“(We) are going to New York, where we will leave the kids with their grandparents while my wife and I vacation in Jamaica.”

2ND LT. CHRISTOPHER MCCOLLUM
325th Air Control Squadron



“I will be going home and spending time with my friends, then off to my next base.”

AIRMAN TYLER REICH
372nd Training Squadron, Det. 4

BACK TO BASICS

Q. How do you carry gym bags, attache cases or backpacks while in uniform?

A. Gym bags, attache cases or backpacks may be carried in the left hand or over the left shoulder. The exception is that members may wear a backpack using both shoulder straps when riding two-wheeled vehicles or using crutches. The 95th Uniform Board approved

carrying these items in either hand as long as it doesn't interfere with rendering a proper salute. The same board disapproved of allowing backpacks to be carried over both shoulders under normal circumstances.

Back to basics is a column highlighting proper military customs and courtesies and regulations.

Contracts should offer quality service

TECH. SGT. DAVID DUNCAN
325th Civil Engineer Squadron

Many of Tyndall’s base services are executed through service contracts. To ensure quality service, these contracts rely heavily on established customer complaint procedures.

Some of the most visible contractors include DGR Inc. (custodial), Big Wheels (refuse collection) and Chugach-DelJen (civil engineer operations support).

The first step in filing a complaint is to download AF Form 714, Customer Complaint, from the Internet at www.e-publishing.af.mil. Fill out the form and e-mail or take it to the facility manager. Contact the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron’s customer service if you don’t know the facility manager

or are unable to contact him or her.

Upon receiving the complaint, the facility manager will forward it to the 325th CES’s chief of quality assurance where the complaint will be validated. A valid complaint is defined as one that is against an action the contractor should have taken as described in the contract.

For example, under the custodial contract, most standard office areas are cleaned twice a week with trash removal once per week. If you file a complaint because the trash was not removed twice that week, it will be considered invalid. The contractors are paid to perform service to certain levels. If customers are unsatisfied with the level of service they receive, the customer should contact

the facility manager.

Another thing to consider when looking to improve service is to consider support of special events. All of the service contracts contain procedures to provide additional services in support of special events. If additional services are required, contact the facility manager. Give the manager enough advance notice that the contractor will be able to make an effective and timely response.

Customer feedback is vital to the ability to provide the best service available. For more information on service contracts, contact the facility manager or CE customer service at 283-4949. Customers will be directed to the appropriate person for assistance.

Storm water protection everyone’s business

RON HULL
325th Maintenance Group environmental coordinator

Someone once said that rain washes away the cares of the world — which can be hazardous if the cares of the world involve toxic chemicals. Rain water washes away trash, litter, debris, dirt and spilled materials (such as oil and antifreeze) or whatever may be in its path, along gutters, culverts and ditches then ultimately ends up in the East Bay or Gulf of Mexico.

Contaminated storm water could damage wildlife habitats surrounding the base and affect the food chain, recreational activities and overall water quality.

There are many ways to keep your gourmet fish dinners from being marinated in motor oil. Keep your areas clean, pick up litter including cigarette butts and keep containers that sit outdoors covered. The number one way to stop pollution is to prevent it — don’t

dump anything other than water down a storm drain.

Also, it is against the law to dump any substance other than water into the storm drains. So even if you don’t favor sea life, or the fish that live in it, it is prudent to refrain from pouring any substances down the storm drains.

Moreover, the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 were implemented to control storm water discharges under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The NPDES was instituted because up to one third of water quality problems in the United States are attributed to storm water runoff from streets, parking lots, construction sites and other sources.

The storm water protection team is planning several activities to inform the base population and increase awareness of ways it can help. For more information, send e-mail to paul.hull@tyndall.af.mil.

Remember to update vRED

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER

— Five months since the official turn-on of the *Virtual Record of Emergency Data*, more than 383,000 airmen have updated their emergency contact information. But while this number is impressive, there's more work to be done.

"It's imperative we have every airman - active duty, Guard and Reserve - fill out their emergency contact information," said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the casualty services branch. "The information is essential for our casualty notification teams in case an airman becomes incapacitated or worse yet, killed."

Better known as vRED, this mandatory online form replaced the paper DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, as the only means available for airmen to provide personal emergency information. By filling out the form from any Internet-connected computer, Air Force casualty has immediate access to critical information needed to contact family members if an airman becomes missing, suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies.

"Accurate and current family contact in-

formation prevents unnecessary delays," Major Couvillion said. "It also avoids hours or even days of uncertainty during which casualty teams are sometimes left to track down next of kin."

New procedures say all members should update their information electronically every six months, prior to deployments and after permanent changes of station.

"Once the member initially completes the form, they will be able to go in at any time and update specific information as needed," he said. "It's simple and it saves time over the old paper form."

On the AFPC Web page, www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, people can select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New vMPF users will need to establish an account.

The online application, which will take most people about 20 minutes, asks questions such as which relatives should be contacted and what their addresses are.

For more information about the vMPF or vRED call the Air Force Contact Center toll-free at (866) 229-7074.

Checkertail Salute



Steve Wallace

Ms. Camacho is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Ms. Camacho for successfully identifying a known criminal attempting to pass invalid checks, exceeding \$46,000, for services rendered at her bartending station.

Teresa Camacho

Duty title: Bartender supervisor

Unit: 325th Services Squadron

Time on station: 19 years

Time in service: 19 years

Hometown: Thailand

Hobbies: Fishing, gardening, sewing and cooking

Goals: To have a happy life.

Favorite thing about Tyndall: It's a small town and a good place to be.

Favorite book: Cook books

Favorite movie: "Lion King"

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

AFROTC cadets call Tyndall home for summer

2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Tyndall is a big base with a big mission. Being the host unit to 30 associate organizations, the base plays a major role in supporting the homeland defense mission as well as providing air superiority training for F-15C pilots, air battle managers, and soon, F/A-22 pilots.

While the flying training mission is the primary focus of Tyndall, the base also plays a huge supporting role in another training area – Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps field training.

For more than a decade, AFROTC cadets have attended summer field training encampments here as they prepared for their future as Air Force officers. While there are other bases that are also used for this training, nearly 1,000 cadets and active-duty staff from universities across America come to Tyndall annually for a period of time that can be considered anything but a vacation.

According to Col. Mike Coman, AFROTC Detachment 157 commander at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla., and this year's first encampment commander, the focus of field training is to provide evaluators a measure of active-duty officer compatibility for the cadets. Colonel Coman explained that each cadet is evaluated in several areas, including field training adaptability, communication skills, duty performance, judgment and decision-making, professional qualities and leadership skills.

"Cadets who come to field training have typically completed their sophomore year in college and are ready to transition into



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell

A new group of recruits gets familiar with their military training instructors. Air Force ROTC cadets attend one of three training encampments here where they will be evaluated in several areas, including field training adaptability, communication skills, duty performance, judgment and decision-making, professional qualities and leadership skills.

the Professional Officer Corps in AFROTC," Colonel Coman said. "If the cadet meets all of the standards and earns a satisfactory rating from field training, he or she will be allowed to enter the POC and continue through the program, eventually earning a commission in the Air Force."

According to Colonel Coman, Tyndall is an ideal location for this training due to the support and facilities the base has to offer.

"Tyndall makes training easy because all of the facilities are centrally located," Colonel Coman said. "The dining facility, parade ground, track and dorms are centrally located so we don't waste a lot of time

transitioning cadets from one activity to the next. Also, the base has a great confidence course and leadership reaction course and the support we receive from Tyndall people is wonderful."

In order for field training to take place at Tyndall, though, months of preparation and planning precedes the cadets' arrival. According to Lt. Col. Wilfred Cassidy, 325th Mission Support Group vice commander, the group appoints a liaison to assist with AFROTC headquarters at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Also, the group identifies the needs for the incoming encampment and ensures they are met. This support includes communications and computer equipment, increasing the staff at the dining facility and making necessary renovations to the dormitories.

"It's important that we support the cadets because they are the future of the Air Force," Colonel Cassidy said. "Tyndall folks realize the importance of making an investment in their careers. We're showing them a great base, and the benefit to Tyndall is that we're getting nearly 1,000 future officers off on the right foot."

Field training at Tyndall is broken into three 28-day encampments running from May through July, and each encampment hosts nearly 400 cadets and active-duty staff. During their time at Tyndall, cadets are exposed to everything from challenging physical activities such as fitness training

and sports, designed to enhance personal fitness, to survival training techniques and task management scenarios.

While it is difficult to put into words what the cadets go through during their time

"Our [AFROTC] mission is to produce leaders for the Air Force and build better citizens for America. We're here to evaluate and help those who want to be here."

CAPT. RICHARD SAYLES

AFROTC Det. 105 commandant of cadets at the University of Colorado at Boulder

at Tyndall, imagine for a moment having to complete a month's worth of duties in one day, having only slept a few hours and all the while your boss is standing over you yelling at the top of his or her lungs that you're doing it wrong and will be doing push-ups until dinner time.

Field training is not exactly similar to the scenario portrayed, however, it is close to how a cadet most likely feels throughout his or her field training experience. The cadets spend the entire time living in close quarters with 30 of their peers and as one might imagine

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Cadets prepare to leave the drill pad and head for class.

'Boneheads' head to Alaska

Cope Thunder exercise benefits hit home, abroad

MASTER SGT. JON SCUDDER

3rd Wing public affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — The "Boneheads" from the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall AFB, Fla. are doing their best to "bury" their exercise adversaries during Cooperative Cope Thunder, a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored air combat training exercise that runs through today in Alaska.

Six F-15C Eagles and 81 servicemembers are deployed to Elmendorf to participate in the two-week exercise to sharpen air combat skills, exchange air operations tactics and promote closer relations.

The Tyndall aircrews are working hand-in-hand with their counterparts in training scenarios as blue (friendly) force and the red (opposition) force roles. Exercise planners said these roles subject the pilots to every conceivable combat threat in Alaska's vast 66,000 square miles of military airspace.

The mock battles are taped, and during a daily debrief, technicians from the 353rd Combat Training Squadron point out tactics the pilots performed well, along with tactics that could get them killed in a real war.

With most of the sorties flown, 95th FS Deployed Commander Lt. Col. Patrick Moylan can already see the benefits of the deployment.

"This exercise is a unique opportunity for us to fly in a complex training scenario with other air forces of the Pacific Rim," Colonel Moylan said. "Specifically, we have been training with the F-15Js of the JASDF in large force employment tactics, with excellent results after the first week. This is a huge milestone for the JASDF since it is the first time they have deployed overseas in over 50



Tech. Sgt. Keith Brown

Airman 1st Class Matthew Burch, 95th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Tyndall Air Force Base, is waiting to give the signal to shut down engines. Airman Burch is part of a six F-15C, 81-person team participating in Cope Thunder, a Pacific Air Forces-sponsored air combat training exercise which ends today.

years, and we're happy to be participating in their Alaskan experience.

"The Cope Thunder airspace is vastly different from the over-water airspace we primarily fly in back home at Tyndall AFB, Fla. The chance to have our mission commanders and instructor pilots train in this airspace with real threat emitters, significant terrain features, and air forces from across the Pacific Air Forces theater has been fantastic."

Tyndall isn't the only unit seeing the benefits of training in Alaska. About 1,700 are participating at Elmendorf and Eielson Air Force Bases, including approximately 1,000 U.S. servicemembers and 700 servicemembers from Thailand, Singapore, Republic of Korea, India, Japan and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Japan had never deployed fighters to North America for an exercise, but did for the first time with the help of Tyndall team member Maj. Chuck Rouse, whose experience with in-flight refueling was vital to the air bridge between the two countries.

Major Rouse went to Japan earlier this year and spent two weeks teaching the Japan Air Self Defense Force pilots the final phases of refueling techniques. He said seeing the Japanese successfully make the journey across the Pacific Ocean was the ultimate in job satisfaction.

"It was a very rewarding experience," Major Rouse said. "When I first went over to Japan, I didn't fully understand what a big step air refueling was for the JASDF. I soon realized the priority when I saw the emphasis their senior leadership placed on

the project, and saw the impact that air refueling would have on their global mobility."

Major Rouse said the crews started their training in a classroom at Kadena Air Base, Japan, and progressed to unescorted refueling flights under a variety of day and night conditions.

"The Japanese pilots did well and were a very professional group of F-15 aviators," Major Rouse added. "The trip crossing the ocean to get here went smooth — just as planned."

Other Japanese servicemembers had an impact on the F-15 support team members as well.

Staff Sgt. Matt Kurpaski, 95th FS life support technician, said the Cope Thunder deployment is different from others.

"We got the rare opportunity to work hand-in-hand with our Japanese life support counterparts," Sergeant Kurpaski said. "It was interesting to learn and see the different variations of life support equipment and training procedures."

Sergeant Kurpaski said the positive experiences of Cope Thunder went beyond the training. "Everyone in the shop got a glimpse of the Japanese culture and the huge opportunity to be a part of history."

The new cultural experiences associated with Japan's deployment to Cope Thunder will soon end for Tyndall and the rest of the participants; however, the lessons learned will travel both home and abroad.

Since then, thousands of people from all four military services, as well as the armed services from around the world, have taken part in the training to make a more formidable warfighting force.

● FROM ROTC PAGE 8

ine, having to eat, sleep and exercise with a large group for an extended period of time can lead to flaring tempers and a lot of frustration.

The training is necessary because it teaches skills that will carry through to active duty and helps build self-esteem and leadership abilities said Capt. Richard Sayles, AFROTC Detachment 105 commandant of cadets at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a field training officer at Tyndall's first encampment.

"Our [AFROTC] mission is to produce leaders for the Air Force and build better citizens for America," Captain Sayles said. "We do this by identifying shortcomings and training cadets in areas that can be improved. When the cadets get here, many of them have never had a leadership position or don't

have the confidence to lead. We help them to build that confidence and take their training back to their detachments where they will be leading the younger cadets."

According to Captain Sayles, the things that can be improved through training are low confidence, poor physical fitness, leadership and communication, but he warns that the cadets have to have a solid work ethic and a desire to succeed; otherwise, they may not complete field training.

"We're here to evaluate and help those who want to be here," Captain Sayles said. "We're not here to motivate. Cadets have to be motivated when they get here."

In order for a cadet to successfully complete field training, he or she must receive a satisfactory rating on his or her evaluation form said Colonel Coman. Additionally, each cadet must pass two tests: one which evaluates the cadet's

ability to lead a flight of his or her peers through a series of drills and another which tests physical fitness. For those cadets who are able to meet the challenge, a career as an Air Force officer awaits them and field training at Tyndall becomes a memorable experience they are eager to share with those considering becoming an officer.

"One of the things that makes field training at Tyndall so great is that it's an Air Force base with a live mission and it's important to expose the cadets to this," Colonel Coman remarked.

"Tyndall is a great place for AFROTC," Colonel Cassidy said. "We have a great environment and the cadets get to see the jets flying which is a big motivational factor. Whether the cadets are going to fly or not, I can't see how anyone can not be motivated by seeing our F-15s in the sky."

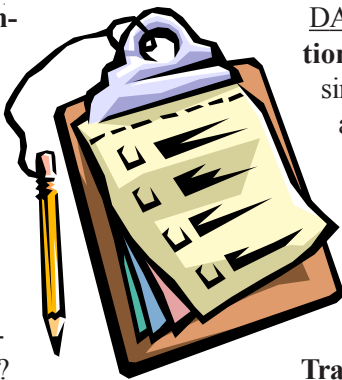
Readiness inspection just one month away

LT. COL. STEVE WALLENDER
Operational Readiness Inspection project officer

One month to go, and Tyndall is actively preparing for the upcoming inspection. As I move into the ORI preparation office, I would like to personally thank Lt. Col. Steve Kotan for all his hard work preparing the wing for this inspection. The wing is well on its way and we wish Colonel Kotan the very best in his retirement. Any future correspondences regarding this inspection should now be sent to me and 2nd Lt. Erryn Bondzeleske. We have all done great work thus far, but let's not sit back and enjoy the ride just yet. Continue to pursue excellence in all we do and begin rechecking everything. Once again, this article will focus on the daily checklists for the week of June 23.

DAY 20 (Monday): Contingency procedures: Do a black-hat number on the unit. Are all your plans and contingency checklists in order? Does everyone know how to use them? Does everyone know what to do if an exercise kicks off? Is your mobility program up to speed? Where is your assigned shelter?

DAY 19 (Tuesday): Wallpaper day: Bulletin boards, grease boards, anything and everything hanging on the wall for information purposes gets updated today. Weigh in all personnel within 10 pounds of their max.



DAY 18 (Wednesday): Publications review: Nine days passed since the last check. We tend to accumulate things we don't need. Let's get rid of the five-year old "TIG Briefs" and "Airman" magazines. Double-check publications for currency and revisions.

DAY 17 (Thursday): Training catch-up: All major training should have been completed, if on schedule, five days ago. It probably wasn't. Check again and reschedule accordingly. The IG is on the road at Luke so you can check with your counterparts there for information.

DAY 16 (June 27): Unit self-assessment: The group self-assessment monitor should

inspect the unit's self-assessment program today. Emphasize open discrepancies and suspenses. Is your continuity folder up to speed?

Lets not falter and trip. Keeping our momentum in the forward direction will be critical toward our success in this inspection. With that in mind, do not exhaust yourself or your unit in this last month. Obviously, critical items still need to be accomplished, but prioritize what is left to do. Any inspection team can and will find discrepancies, but limiting those to minor write-ups is the key. Team Tyndall will surely shine; we must now determine how bright we want the shimmer to be. Let's hope the inspectors will need their sunglasses.

BEST newsletter keeps civilians current on benefits

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — Less than 10 percent of Air Force civilians are taking advantage of the easiest way to get information about their benefits and officials want to encourage more people to participate.

By subscribing online to the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team Newsletter, Air Force appropriated fund civilian employees can receive current benefits information, legislative changes and system updates.

Currently, only 9,380 of the more than 135,000 civilians serviced by BEST subscribe to the newsletter, said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist from the directorate of civilian personnel operations. "We are asking each employee already

receiving the newsletter to encourage their co-workers to subscribe."

Subscribing takes minutes through the BEST Home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/menu.htm>. Click on "Newsletter Subscription Service" and click "Subscribe." This will automatically launch an e-mail with the required subscription information already entered — click "Send." You will receive a confirmation notice in your e-mail. (The automated e-mail function may not work with some older browsers or e-mail programs. Click on the help page link for instructions on how to manually subscribe.)

The next issue of the BEST Newsletter will be published later this week.

FFSA enrollments accepted

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Enrollments in the Federal Flexible Spending Accounts program are now being accepted by the contractor. The deadline for Air Force civilians to enroll has been extended to June 27 to ensure employees have ample time to sign up.

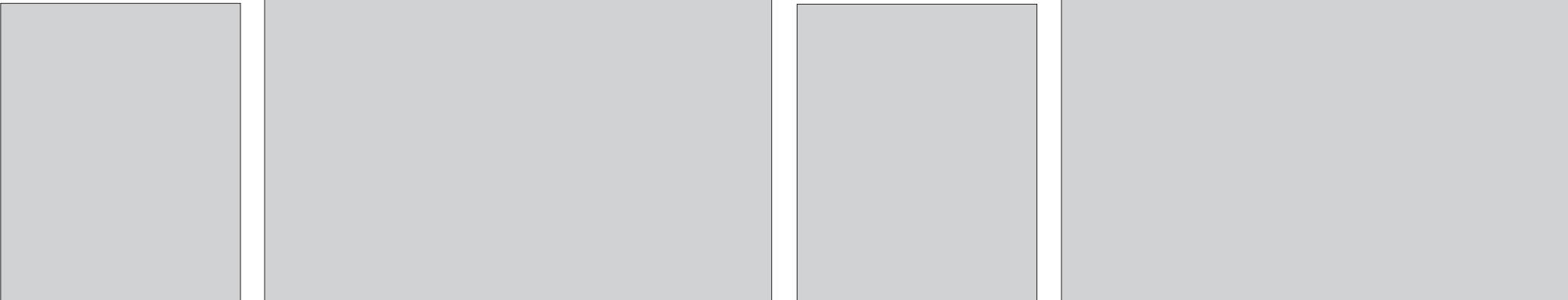
FFSA is a new employment benefit that allows federal employees to set aside dollars, on a pre-tax basis for many common expenses not covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit program or any other source.

Due to administrative issues, employees

were not able to enroll in FFSA when the open season began May 19, officials said.

"Although employees must enroll by the 27th, they won't see deductions from their paycheck until the pay period ending Sept. 20," said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist. "Because of that, the plan year for Air Force employees who enroll during this current open season will be Sept. 1 - Dec. 31.

For more information or to enroll, contact SHPS at www.fsafeds.com or toll free at (877) 372-3337, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Eastern time, weekdays.



Online registration, voting expands

ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A Department of Defense voting experiment in the 2000 presidential elections that allowed military and overseas voters to cast their ballots through the Internet will expand in 2004.

Beginning this fall, Federal Voting Assistance Program officials hope to get as many as 100,000 military members — stateside and overseas — their eligible dependents and U.S. citizens living outside the United States to take part in the secure electronic registration and voting experiment, said Polli Brunelli, the program director. The experiment covers only those U.S. citizens who fall under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

Mandated by Congress, project-eligible voters from participating project states will be able to register and vote electronically via any Windows-based personal computer with Internet access from anywhere in world, Ms. Brunelli said.

In the 2000 experiment, 84 citizens located in 21 states and 11 countries voted in jurisdictions in South Carolina, Texas, Florida and Utah, proving the theory that online voting could work for voters wherever they lived, Ms. Brunelli said.

“We conducted a small ‘proof-of-concept’ experiment for the 2000 presidential election, and it was very successful. Now we are conducting another electronic voting project. Congress wants it to be large enough to be statistically relevant. This will allow us to make support-

able recommendations to ... Congress on the future of Internet voting for (absentee voters),” she said.

Ms. Brunelli said that 10 states are interested in participating in the 2004 project: Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington.

“We’re looking for volunteer voters to participate in the project,” she explained, “and we have a Web site where interested voters can see if their voting jurisdiction is participating in the project. Beginning later this year, the voter can sign up, then register and be able to vote in the 2004 elections.”

According to Ms. Brunelli, local and state election officials will use the system to receive voter registration applications, provide ballots to voters and accept voted ballots.

Ms. Brunelli said security during the registration and ballot process is a primary concern. The system will use digital signatures for registration and ballot encryption as part of the security features.

“People are concerned about Internet security. We’ve looked at the threats that could happen to this type of system, and we’ve developed mitigating measures to guard against those threats,” she said.

Ms. Brunelli said that not every county in participating states will be part of the program. She said voters can find a list of participating jurisdictions on the program’s Web site at <http://www.serveusa.gov>. Counties that do participate will include the “full ballot” for that election — local, state and federal, she said.

Team Tyndall Pride



Take pride in Team Tyndall and its beauty. Pick up trash if you see it or do a self-help project — we all reap the benefits of a clean environment.

Thinking of getting out?

THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you’ve got all the facts first! Contact Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at 283-2222 for information on your career and its future.

Your link
to what's going on

Gulf Guide

in the
Tyndall community

JUNE

SAT 21
Hurricane-awareness briefing
A hurricane-awareness briefing for all spouses of servicemembers will be 10-11 a.m. Saturday in the family support center classroom in Building 743. The briefing will focus on family preparation for the hurricane season. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Aundra Christon, 283-4856.

MON 23
Anger-management workshop
The last meeting of the four-session anger-management workshop will be 10:30 a.m.-noon Monday in the family advocacy conference room in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

TUE 24
Bible study group
The Protestant Women of the Chapel's Bible study group meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Chapel 2 Annex. The current study topic is a review of Genesis and Exodus. A study of Leviticus will begin July 1. Watchcare is available on an as-needed basis. For more information, call the base chapel, 283-2925.

Children's weight class
The health and wellness center's sensible weight class for children meets 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 111. For more information, call the health and wellness center, 283-3826.

WED 25
Protestant youth family night
The Protestant Youth of Tyndall Chapel's family night is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in Building 1476. Families are invited to attend and find out what the youth group is all about.

Parenting workshop
The last meeting of the effective parenting workshop will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday in Room 127 in Building 1305. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7511.

Protestant youth group
The Tyndall Chapel's Protestant Youth Group meets 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the spiritual fitness center. For more information, call the Chapel 2 office, 283-2925.

THU 26
Antiterrorism training
Mandatory antiterrorism training is provided by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations on a walk-in basis 8 a.m. every Thursday in Building 656. The training will last approximately 45 minutes. Anyone with a permanent change of station or temporary duty assignment to an overseas location who has not received Level-I Antiterrorism training within six months of their departure date is required to receive this training prior to out-processing. Out-processing checklists should be brought to the training session. Military dependents are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

Bible study
A weekly Bible study session offered by the Officer Christian Fellowship and Christian Military Fellowship will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays in the community activities center. For more information, call Capt. Carma Pauli, 283-7669.

Palace Chase briefing
Palace Chase briefings for all those interested in the Palace Chase program will be 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Room 222 of Building 662. For more information, call in-service recruiter Master Sgt. Brian Zinner, 283-8384.

FRI 27
325th CS Spring Fling
The 325th Communications Squadron will be minimally manned from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 27 due to their Annual Spring Fling.

NOTES

Engineering degree open house
An open house and information session on Florida State University's new bachelor's degree program in civil and environmental engineering will be 5:15-6 p.m. Tuesday in the Larson M. Bland Conference Center on FSU's Panama City campus. The program begins this fall. For more information, call Pat Evans, 872-4750, extension 185.

Tyndall's FSU office hours
The Tyndall Education Center's Florida State University office is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday for student advising and general information regarding FSU degree programs offered at the Panama City campus. For more information, call 283-8908 or stop by Room 51 of the education center.

Dry cleaners service
The Tyndall Base Exchange Laundry/Dry Cleaners now has 24-hour drop-off service. For more details, call 286-5338 or stop by Building 824 across from the base service station.

CLEP Exams to be retired
The following CLEP Exams will be retired effective June 30: 04910/04926-Humanities; 26107-General Chemistry; 75027-College Level German; 18074-General Biology; 65048-Western Civilization I; and 66052-Western Civilization II. Thursday is the last date to take these exams. The education center schedules CLEP Exams on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit the education center to pick up a listing of exams offered or access the Tyndall Air Force Base Web site to retrieve study guide information. To schedule an exam, call the education center, 283-4285 or 283-4286.

RETIREE NEWS

TRICARE custodial care
There are two kinds of custodial, or long-term, care. The type of care the patient receives distinguishes them. In one type of prolonged care, the patient is sick or injured and receiving active medical care designed to make him or her well. Medicare and TRICARE will pay for that. Medicare and TRICARE may cover the first 150 days of hospitalization. On the 151st day, Medicare coverage will be exhausted and end. TRICARE will then provide coverage of 75 percent and the patient will have to pay 25 percent until either the annual catastrophic cap is reached or the patient is cured.

The second type of care involves patients who need protection and someone to help with daily activities such as eating and dressing. The patient is neither expected to die of the illness or "get well." TRICARE and Medicare are not allowed by federal law to pay for this care. A TFL beneficiary loses none of his Medicare or TRICARE medical benefits by receiving this type of custodial care. TRICARE will cover things related to a physical or mental illness, including medications, durable medical equipment, doctor visits and even hospitalization in an acute-care hospital. A beneficiary receiving custodial care in a nursing home also has, as a covered service, one routing physician visit per month and up to one hour daily of skilled nursing care when ordered by a physician. Charges for room and board, general nursing and caretaker services are not covered.

Benefit determinations are made at the time Medicare and TRICARE claims are processed. Each claim is evaluated on its own merits. The denial of a claim or a portion of a claim should be appealed in writing to the claims processing contractor.

YARD SALES

The following yard sale is scheduled for Saturday: 2831-B Sentry Lane. Yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The following Catholic services will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

Two airmen balance work, play

AIRMAN SARAH McDOWELL

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Things are heating up for two Team Tyndall members, for the start of summer is on June 21, and their football season is rolling in soon after.

The two airmen, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Smith of the 325th Fighter Wing command post and Senior Airman Mike Rametta with the 325th Security Forces Squadron are part of a semi-pro football team in Panama City called the Panhandle Tigers that kicks off its season June 28 with a home game against the Georgia Tigers.

The team, which is in its sixth season, is part of the North American Football League and has helped some players land football scholarships and professional careers.

The main goal of the nonprofit NAFL is to further young adult's athletic abilities and college and professional careers through minor league football while providing entertainment to the local community.

The team has been in the playoffs every year that it has been in the league, and the main expectation this year is to get to the championship.

"It's a good steppingstone for people coming out of high school who are aiming for the college and pro level," said Sergeant Smith, who is in his first year with the Tigers. "A lot of people get picked up for the pros right

out of our program by talent scouts."

For this Panhandle Tiger team member, balancing his Air Force career with his semi-pro football agenda is easy as his two schedules are compatible. "With the four to five away games, it is pretty easy to work around my Air Force schedule," Sergeant Smith said.

On the other hand, for Airman Rametta, who just started playing for the team this year, balancing work and play isn't so easy. "It is very hard to coordinate with security forces. But, my flight chiefs have been helpful, and if they let me go to practices they will more than likely let me go to games. I plan on making all the games," the airman said.

Learning effective time management skills is another one of the benefits to the extra-curricular sport for these two players. It is only one of the many good things that can come out of being on a team.

"The team environment helps you learn how to work with people and gain leadership skills," Airman Rametta said. It is great if you are competitive because it teaches you to strive for achievement," he said.

"It's a good opportunity, if you had a bad day at work, to go out there and let some energy out," Sergeant Smith said.

The team also allows for community involvement. "The ability to participate at a local level, and to get out and meet the com-

munity are some of the rewards," said Sergeant Smith.

Not only does the team interact with local communities, but it interacts with communities in other states as well.

"We get to travel to places like Nashville, Tenn., Savannah, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala.," Sergeant Smith said.

For these two airmen, their goals for the game are different, but their dedication to balancing work and the four one and a half hour practices available a week are the same.

"I love the game of football, I haven't played since I was in high school," said Sergeant Smith. "It is a good opportunity for me to get involved in an organization aside from base sports. I actually get to play full contact football as opposed to flag, and I get to travel," he said.

Like many of the other players, goals for school scholarships and long-term careers are prominent.

"I am trying to take it to whatever level I can. A decent school that would put me to the next level would be worth going for," Airman Rametta said.

After a long practice period, both airmen mutually agree that the season outlook is a good one.

"Tryouts are a long process, we have been practicing since last February until now. After the first week, the coach starts cutting people. Then he tries people out to see what they are most suited for," Sergeant Smith said.

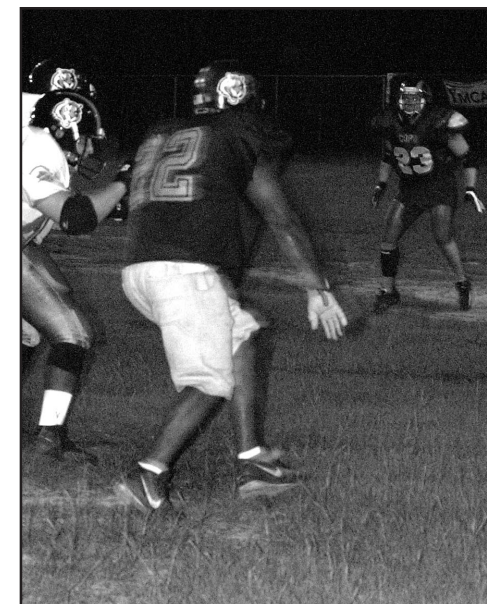
"We are ready for our first game," said the 6 foot 2 inch 260 pound offensive lineman and tight end.

"We are playing a team from Georgia, and I am ready to hit someone other than my own team," said the 5-foot 10-inch 175 pound defensive back and wide receiver.

The nonprofit team has much to offer these two Team Tyndall members and all the players on the team-except money.

"The reason we don't get paid is so we can keep our amateur status, so we have the opportunity to play for colleges or the pros," Sergeant Smith said.

"The money the team gets is from sponsors and from tickets people buy at the games. The money goes toward grass on the field, paint on the field, our uniforms and other necessities," Sergeant Smith said.



Photos by Airman Sarah McDowell

Senior Airman Mike Rametta with the 325th Security Forces Squadron and number 23 for the Panhandle Tigers plays defensive safety during practice. "I am ready to hit someone other than my own teammates," said the 5-foot 10-inch 175 pound player.

"I am just really glad to be part of the team," said Sergeant Smith.

"We want people to come out and support us as much as possible. It is good family entertainment."

The team is looking forward to a successful season playing some of the other NAFL teams from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

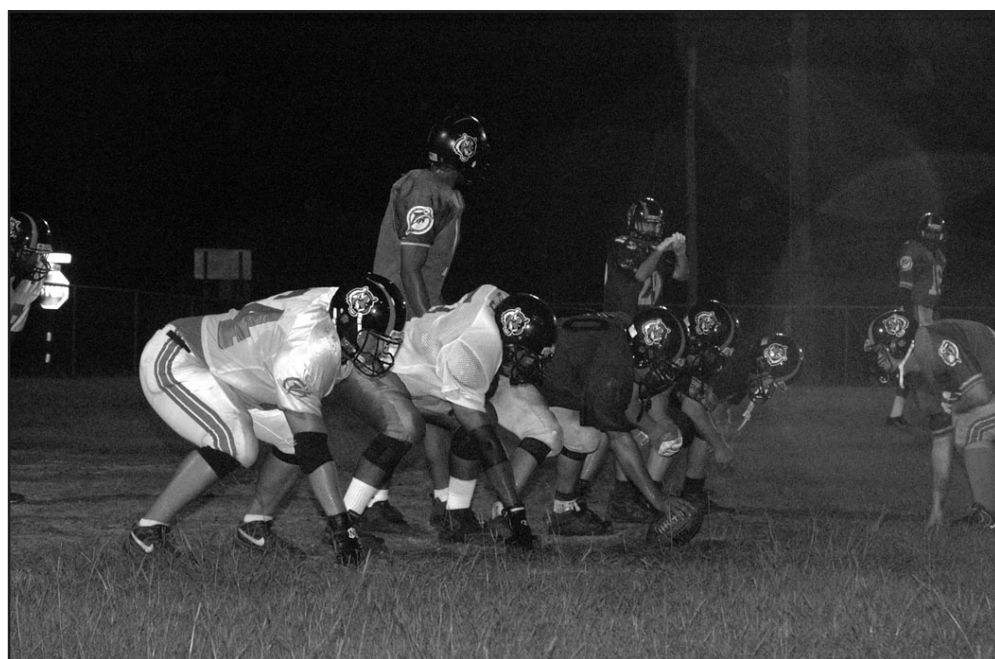
The Panhandle Tigers play their five home games at the Buddy McLemore Stadium in Springfield at 7 p.m. on Saturday nights, from June to September.

Tickets are five dollars for adults, three dollars for children and free for children under five. For more details call (850) 814-3487.

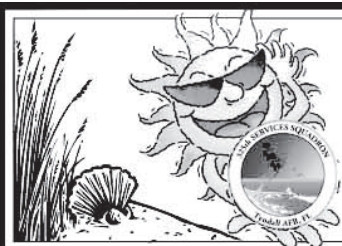
Panhandle Tiger Game Schedule

6/28 Georgia Tigers
7/12 @ Louisiana Hurricanes
7/19 Louisiana Hurricanes
8/02 @ Georgia Tigers
8/16 Nashville Mustangs
8/30 Savannah Panthers
9/06 @ Nashville Mustangs
9/13 Central Alabama Renegades
9/20 @ Savannah Panthers

All home games start at 7 p.m.



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Smith with the 325th Fighter Wing Command Post and number 64 for the Panhandle Tigers plays offensive tackle while at practice. The Tigers have been practicing four times a week from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. since February and are anticipating success for their first game June 28.



Funshine NEWS



June 20, 2003

325th Services Website: www.325thservices.com

Officers' Club

All Ranks Lunch

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar, fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes Fresh Hot Carved Meat Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

Monday	Chef's Choice
Tuesday	Italian
Wednesday	Oriental
Thursday	All American
Friday	Seafood

*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

Subs & Pizzas

286-2900

AF Club Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to AF Club members or their eligible family members.

Entry deadline is July 15.

283-4357

for more information.

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Base Pool



■ Open Swim, Wed. - Sun. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

■ Lap Swim: Tues.-Fri.: 6-7:30 a.m.

Wed.-Fri.: 11-11:30 a.m., 5-6 p.m.

Water Aerobic Classes

■ **Burn Baby Burn**

Mondays: 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursdays: 6:30-7 p.m.

■ **Easy Does It:** Tuesdays: 6-7 p.m.

Pool Prices

Entry fee is \$1 per person.

■ **Seasonal Pass:** \$35 per person, or maximum of \$50 per family.

■ **Punch Pass:** \$20 for 30 punches

All guests must be accompanied by ID holder.

Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

Sunrise Beach Run/Walk

June 26, 6 a.m. meet at the bath house.

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Beach Divers' Den
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Divers' Den
Emerald Falls
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Florida Offshore Inc.
Fourth Dimension
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Global Manufacturing Corp-Divers' Den
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Hungry Howie's Pizza
Illusions Gallery & Salon
JBL Enterprises-Divers' Den
Marine Sports Diver-Divers' Den
McCabe's
Oceanic-Divers' Den
Off Base Barber Shop
Outback
Owens Metalcraft/Village Blacksmith
Paul Brent
Pelican-Divers' Den
Pier 98 Tackle
Princeton Tech-Divers' Den
Roadhouse
Sandi's Feed & Seed Store
Sea Pearl-Divers' Den
Shoney's
Skull Island Adventure
Sowell Tractor
Speedy Carwash
Things That Fly
Tilo's-Divers' Den
Trident-Divers' Den
Tropical Sun
Underwater Kinetics
Underwater Systems-Divers' Den
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Western Steer

**A special thanks to
Frank Mancinelli for
his volunteer work to make
this event a success!**

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AF Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations go out to Rachael McLay for winning the Air Force Photography Contest, Group 1, Category B (People). McLay's husband was assigned to the 2nd Fighter Squadron at the time of the contest, but has since been transferred to another base.

To win, McLay first had to win Tyndall's photography contest, earning a spot at the AETC Photography Contest. A first place at that event put her in the running for the Air Force level competition. McLay was awarded \$500 for first place in her category.

Registration for this year's Tyndall Air Force Base Photography Contest will begin in August. Judging is scheduled for the second week of September. For more information, contact the Skills Development Center at 283-4511.

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Just In Time For The 4th
Red, White and Blue, Blinkie Lights

Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 283-4389

Making Improvements...

Temporary tee boxes have been installed until upgrades are completed and twilight fees are in effect until renovations are completed on new tee boxes and sand bunkers.

Surfing Classes For Youth & Adults

Adult Beginners Classes

Call Rudy for class info.: 283-2495

Youth Beginners Class

Call Andy for youth class info.: 283-4366

Raptor Lanes Bowling Center

Fast Lanes

May 22 - Aug. 14

Purchase a large fountain drink and receive a game piece. Participants may win instant prizes. Participants who fill out the attached entry form are also entered to win the NASCAR racing hood replica on display at the bowling center, and could win the grand prize NASCAR VIP trip.

283-2380

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Whitewater Rafting

August 9-11. \$185 per person includes: 5 meals, camping, transportation, and 2 rafting trips. Deposit required at time of reservation.

Tyndall 2003

Heritage Day Celebration

Heritage Park • July 2, 4-10 p.m.
Gates open at 3:30 p.m.

**Entertainment, Food,
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AEF Center improves site

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LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center recently launched an improved version of their Web site, “AEF Online,” to help airmen learn about the AEF and provide information about deployments.

“We’ve made the site more user-friendly and more pleasing to the eye. Our goal was to organize information to allow people to find what they need more easily and quickly,” said Maj. Beverly Nozolino, the chief of the AEF Center systems integration branch.

The site offers airmen links to deployment locations, checklists and requirements.

“AEF Online helps airmen better prepare themselves for deployment,” Major Nozolino said. “They can also use the site to learn more about the AEF, including information about the AEF Center, points of contact and useful tools.”

Airmen will find more up-to-date information on the new site, she said.

“Based on feedback received from air-

men across the total force, the AEF Center Web team not only improved the usability of the site; it also added more relevant information,” she said.

“The Web site is constantly evolving, seeking to incorporate contemporary and useful information regarding what airmen can expect when they deploy in support of current AEF operations,” Major Nozolino said.

“The AEF is how the Air Force intends to conduct 21st-century warfighting — it’s here to stay,” said Brig. Gen. Anthony Przybyslawski, the commander of the AEF Center. “As the AEF continues to evolve, especially during very dynamic contingency operations like Operation Iraqi Freedom, getting the most current and relevant AEF information out to our airmen is a top AEF Center priority. Our newly revamped Web site, AEF Online, is intended to do just that. We encourage all airmen to visit the site and, if they have ideas on how to make it even better, don’t hesitate to let us know.”

Airmen can access AEF Online from any dot-mil computer at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil>.



Airman Sarah McDowell

Movie magic

Debbie Robertson and her two sons Matthew and Colby explore the selection of more than 300 digital video disks at the Tyndall library. In addition, the library has audio cassettes, books on tape, music compact discs, video tape movies, a computer lab and a cable television lounge.

